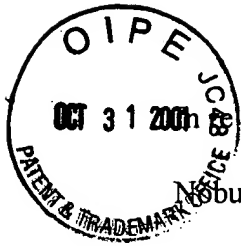


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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 23, 2001, submitted herewith is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 2, 2001 along with the required "marked-up" version of the amended claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.

Also enclosed are a copy of the Notice and the date-stamped postcard receipt. The postcard indicates that the Preliminary Amendment and the version to show changes made was received by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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The amendment filed on 8.2.01 is considered non-compliant because it has not been submitted in the format required under 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000).

- ☐ 1. The amendment does not include a clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s). 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- ☐ 2. The amendment does not include a marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s). 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
- ☐ 3. The amendment does not include a clean version of the amended claim(s). 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- ☒ 4. The amendment does not include a marked-up version of the amended claim(s). 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).
- ☐ 5. Other _____

☒ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Unless applicant re-submits the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

☐ **AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION:** Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

For your convenience, attached to this correspondence is a copy of an informational flyer (MPEP Bookmark Bulletin on "Simplified Amendment Practice").

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Receipt of the following papers is acknowledged:

1. Utility Patent Application Transmittal (37 CFR 1.53(b))
2. Patent Office Fee Transmittal Form [in duplicate]
3. Specification comprising 37 pages, including claims and abstract
4. 15 sheets drawings (A4P, Figs. 1-17)
5. Declaration and Power of Attorney [executed]
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet, and Assignment
7. Preliminary Amendment w/Version with Markings to Show Changes Made
8. Claim of Priority Under 35 USC 119, and certified copy of Japan Patent Application No. 235793/2000
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